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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement that was previously filed on November 27, 2006, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner a Japanese Office Action dated September 29, 2009 that issued with respect to patent family member Japanese Patent Application No.2005-280912, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) JP 2001-148808A;
- (2) JP 2003-244532 A, together with an English language Abstract and English language translation thereof; and
- (3) JP 7-270546 A, together with an English language Abstract and English language translation thereof;

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- (4) JP 5-137060 A, together with an English language Abstract and English language translation thereof; and
- (5) JP 9-230225 A, together with an English language Abstract and English language translation thereof.

The relevance of the documents, as ascertained with respect to the Japanese claims by the Japanese Examiner, is set forth in the Japanese Office Action.

Applicants note that above-noted document (1) was previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on November 27, 2006, and thus, a copy of the document is not enclosed herewith.

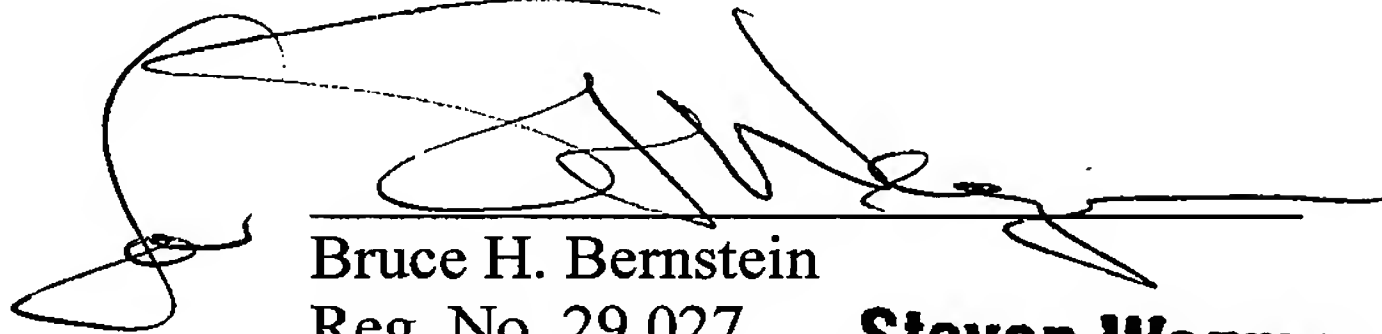
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents, including the noted English language Abstracts and translations, are attached hereto, and are listed on an attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the Japanese Office Action, including the English language translation thereof, is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form, and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Since this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to the issuance of a Notice of Allowance, Applicants enclose herewith an authorized credit card payment (PTO-2038 Form) for the amount of \$180.00 to cover the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p). Applicants furthermore certify that each item of information (2) – (5) contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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